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SUBJ: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER - NEW DIALOGUE COMMENTS

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1. WHEN I PAID FAREWELL CALL ON FONMINISTER BLANCO TODAY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON FOR COM CONFERENCE HE TOLD ME THAT HIS REPLY TO THE SECRETARY'S ROUND ROBIN LETTER WAS IN THE TYPEWRITER AND WOULD BE DELIVERED TO ME BEFORE MY DEPARTURE THIS AFTERNOON. UPON RECEIPT TEXT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TELEGRAPHICALLY.

2. BLANCO THEN PROCEEDED TO DISCUSS IN GENERAL TERMS HEMISPHERIC PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE NEW DIALOGUE MAKING THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS:

A) OAS REFORM: HE SAID THAT DR. ALVARO ALVAREZ OF THE FONMINISTRY WOULD BE GOING TO WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN COMMISSION ACTIVITIES ON THIS SUBJECT. THE URUGUAYAN POSITION, IN GENERAL, WOULD BE BASED ON SOME MODIFICATION AND REFINEMENT OF THE PROPOSALS IN THIS REGARD WICH BLANCO HAD MADE AT THE ATLANTA CONFERENCE LAST YEAR.

B) NEW DIALOGUE: BLANCO SAID HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT THE NEW DIALOGUE BE ABSORBED INSTITUTIONALLY INTO THE OAS MECHANISM. THIS SHOULD NOT BE DONE BY RESOLUTION, HE SAID, BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY WHO WOULD OPPOSE IT. THE STATES WHICH WOULD OPPOSE IT, HE SAID, CONFIDENTIAL

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ARE THOSE WHO LIKE TO USE THE NEW DIALOGUE TO TALK PRIVATELY IN A

REASONABLE WAY WITH THE US WHILE USING THE OPEN FORUM OF THE OAS TO
ATTACK THE US FOR POLITICAL
REASONS. URUGUAY, HE SAID, HAS NO SUCH MOTIVATIONS AND ALMOST ANYTHING

IT HAS TO SAY TO THE US COULD BE SAID PUBLICLY. HE DID NOT SEE
CONTINUING NEED FOR THE TWO INSTITUTIONS AND DOUBTED WHETHER THERE
COULD BE JUSTIFICATION FOR AN APRIL MEETING OF THE OAS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AS A SEPARATE ACT FROM THE MARCH FONMINS MEETING OF THE NEW
DIALOGUE IN BUENOS AIRES. WHAT REALLY NEEDS TO BE DONE, HE SAID, IS TO

ABSORB INTO THE OAS INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE THE STYLE, ATMOSPHERE
AND INFORMAL (NON-RHETORICAL, NO FORMAL SPEECHES) TECHNIQUES WHICH
HAVE EFFECTIVELY CHARACTERIZED NEW DIALOGUE MEETINGS AND WHICH ARE
VERY VALUABLE.

C) CUBA: AS FAR AS URUGUAY IS CONCERNED, BLANCO SAID, CUBA IS
A SECONDARY ISSUE BUT HE RECOGNIZED THAT IT MUST BE DEALT WITH.
REFERRING TO HIS DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN LIMA WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ROGERS HE SAID THAT OF THE FOUR POSSIBILITIES MENTIONED
THEN THE BEST ONE AT THIS TIME AS FAR AS URUGUAY IS CONCERNED
WOULD BE FOR CUBA NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE AT BUENOS AIRES BUT FOR
THE SUBJECT OF CUBA TO BE DEALT THERE BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE DEALT
WITH, HE SAID, IN THE SAME WAY THAT IT WAS IN QUITO. WHAT IS
NEEDED BLANCO SAID, IS SOME MEANS OF OBTAINING ASSURANCE THAT
CUBA WILL NO LONGER ACT IN A WAY WHICH REPRESENTS INTERVENTION
IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF URUGUAY AS WELL AS OTHERS; IN SHORT,
THAT CUBA WILL NOT BE AGGRESSIVE AGAINST URUGUAY. URUGUAY
IS NOT CONCERNED WITH INVOLVING ITSELF IN AN IDEOLOGICAL DEBATE
ABOUT CUBA AND ACCEPTS THE IDEA OF DIVERSITY IN THE AMERICAS.
BUT, HE SAID, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT CUBA HAS GIVEN UP ITS
AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDES AND URUGUAY IS INTERESTED IN THE KINDS OF
REAL GUARANTEES WHICH MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING AS A PROTECTION
AGAINST CUBA AGGRESSIVENESS. WHEN I ASKED WHETHER URUGUAY
WOULD ATTEND THE BUENOS AIRES CONFERENCE IF CUBA WERE INVITED,
BLANCO REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE A DECISION MADE IN THE
LIGHT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME. HOWEVER, HE SAID,
"IN PRINCIPLE" IT IS HIS THOUGHT THAT URUGUAY SHOULD ATTEND IN
ANY CASE ALTHOUGH THIS AT THE MOMENT IS NOT CLEAR. HE WENT ON TO
EXPRESS DEEP PERSONAL PESSIMISM THAT CUBA COULD BE COUNTED UPON
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TOWORK POSITIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IF THE WAY WERE CLEARED
FOR ITS RESUMPTION OF CONTACT WITHIN THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, HE SAID, CUBA IS KNOCKING IN A DIVISIVE
WAY ON ONLY ONE DOOR, BUT AFTER REINCORPORATION, HE SAID, CUBA
WOULD BE INVOLVED IN EVERY INTER-AMERICAN THEME AND HE PERSONALLY
FEARED THAT IT WOULD BE INVOLVED NOT IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE
WAYS BUT ONLY TO MAKE MISCHIEF.

D) INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC STATURE: BLANCO SAID THAT THIS URUGUAYAN IDEA WAS ALSO ADVANCED AT ATLANIS AND SHOULD BE FURTHER REFINED SO AS TO ESTABLISH "RULES OF THE GAME" WITHIN WHICH LAS GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES WILL OPERATE SO AS TO AVOID CONFLICT. HE REALIZES THIS IS A "VERY AMBITIOUS" CONCEPT BUT HE FEELS DEEPLY THAT SOME SUCH THING IS NEEDED. HE THOUGHT THAT THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL IN MEXICO

FOR AN ADVISORY BODY TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS WOULD NOT WIN MUCH SUPPORT BECAUSE LA GOVERNMENTS ARE LIKELY TO LOOK UPON ITS

ACTIVITIES AS A KIND OF INTERFERENCE IN THEIR AFFAIRS. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AGREEMENT UPON A SPECIFIC SET OF WRITTEN "RULES OF THE GAME" WOULD THEN ESTABLISH A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE GUIDANCE OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED ON THIS SUBJECT. SIRACUSA

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